



WHEREAS, elder abuse is an injustice that affects as many as one in 10 Americans and has many consequences for Ohio, impacting everything from public health to our economic resources; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2030, the population of Ohioans aged 60 and older is estimated to increase from 24.3 to 26.3 percent; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's older adult population is growing, not just in size but in diversity, and elder abuse ignores socio-economic class, race, gender, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, on average, 100 referrals are received by Adult Protective Services in Ohio each day; from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, there were 36,016 referrals of alleged abuse, neglect, and exploitation involving Ohioans aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services works with other adult protective services advocates and professionals to support inter-disciplinary collaboration, raise awareness, and serve vulnerable older adults in danger of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Aging and the Office of the State of Ohio Long-Term Care Ombudsman provide programs, resources, and advocacy for individuals and caregivers to allow older adults to live free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 15, 2023, as

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

On this 15th day of June 2023;

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor